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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph at page 2, line 6-18 with the following:

On the other hand, the privately copied contents for the user to enjoy the contents personally is the right authorized by the Copyright Law, and in actuality, for many electronic devices, the privately copied contents has been admitted with some restriction to the duplication system (restriction to the analog recording, etc.). However, when digital recording becomes the mainstream in years to come, it becomes difficult to determines determine the privately copied contents from officially copied contents, and at the same time, it becomes difficult to determine whether the copy is the privately copied contents or the authorized copied contents.

Please amend the paragraph at page 5, line 11, to page 6, line 3 with the following:

According to the information reproduction device of the present invention, a structural difference is provided in the reproduction system of privately copied contents as well as officially copied contents and original contents, and expansion of the personal use is prevented with privately copied contents admitted, thereby protecting the copyright and contents providers. In addition, if the contents are unjustly transferred to a separate recording medium, that is, copied, since the license information is dependent on the recording medium, the license information is unable to be decrypted from the illegal copying medium, and as a result, the contents are unable to be decrypted. Therefore, whether it is privately copied contents or officially copied contents, the license information mast must be remade for the copy, and because it is the just recording device that can do it (for example, that knows the function "f"), restriction to number of copies is accurately carried out, and unjust use of the contents are able to be prevented.

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Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 1, to page 8, line 3, with the following:

According to the first information recording device according to the present invention, discriminating the type of contents and providing the environment in which duplication is allowed only by the severer severe restrictions than the source contents differentiate the privately copied contents from the officially copied contents put on the official market and relatively increase the value of the officially copied contents, thereby contributing to the expansion of market of officially copied contents. In addition, when the contents are unjustly transferred to another media, that is, copied, since the license information is dependent on the media, for example, the license information is unable to be decrypted, and the license information must be re-generated for copying whether it is privately copied contents or officially copied contents, and this is only achieved by a proper recording device (for example, that knows the function "f"), and the number of copy times is able to be definitely restricted, and therefore, the unjust use is able to be prevented. Furthermore, restricting the recorded source contents to analog contents only can cause quality degradation of the contents every time duplication is made when the digital contents are recorded, and this could serve as the deterrent of duplication and at the same time relatively increase the value of officially copied contents, and thereby the sale market of the officially copied contents are able to be secured more definitely.

Please amend Table 1 at page 15 as follows:

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Kind	Signature	Compression	Encryption	Medium- dependency
Officially Copied Contents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Privately Copied Contents	No	Yes	No	Yes
Original Contents	No	Yes	No	No
Plain Analog Contents	No	No	No	No

Please amend the paragraph at page 42, lines 10-15 with the following:

Now, the inputted encrypted contents information Kc [C] and the encrypted digital licensing information L, and copy form information Q are sent tothe to the control section 204a, and the encrypted contents information Kc [L] and the encrypted digital license information L are sent to the contents decrypting section 204e.